

REMARKS

The invention concerns the manufacture of different types of refuse collection vehicles (RCVs) in a very efficient manner and the structure of the resulting RCVs. Each RCV has a body module that has the same end configuration as that of the module that is joined to it for at least two different types of RCVs. That is, the body module can be joined to a hopper module of a front loader and a hopper module of a side loader. At the other end, the body module can be joined to a tailgate module of a front loader and a tailgate module of a side loader. The same is true for a front loader and a rear loader and a side loader and a rear loader. The claims have been amended to present the Examiner with a set of claims which attempts to claim the same invention as the original claims while addressing the 35 USC 112 concerns of the Examiner.

Examiner is thanked for pointing out several issues in the claims concerning 35 USC 112. The essence of the invention is captured in a claim which sets forth a fleet of two RCVs which have a body module with the same end configurations. The claims seek to define that group of elements. The structure of a body module, a hopper module, a tailgate module, etc. is disclosed in the specification and is well known in the industry and as such need not be claimed in more detail

As to the rejection under 35 USC 103, the invention as set forth in the claims is now and has always been commonly owned. Further as to the prior art rejection, none of the references teach the use of a single body module for different types of RCVs and the attendant efficiencies from such a structure in the refuse collection vehicle manufacturing industry. Thus, there is no disclosure or teaching of a fleet of two RCVs each having a body module with similar ends. Further, there is no prior art of record that would make such a combination of elements obvious. The Bonfilio reference teachings are not related to the field of refuse collection vehicles. Therefore, the teachings of Bonfilio would not lead

one of ordinary skill in the art of making refuse collection vehicles to make the claimed invention.

In view of the amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. If Examiner has concerns, please call Applicant at 623-362-2671 or 928-520-0420.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Albert W. Davis Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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